Past Residents in the Neighbourhood History of *Chesterfield House, 35 Greenclose Road, Ilfracombe, North Devon. EX34 8BT*

A property built in 1888
by
Thomas Upton (1855 -1946)

Lovingly created by Marti Tapp
2025

Number 35, Greenclose Road is a Victorian, bayfronted, terraced town house. It is a large property built over 4 floors. The house still retains many of its original features and during recent renovations have all been restored. One interesting feature of the house is an open stairwell that allows the light from a large roof skylight to flood through the house down to the basement. Numbers 35 - 32 all have this characteristic so the houses are likely to have been built at the same time.

I became interested in researching my house's history when I looked through my property's deeds. This prompted me to want to find out more! My subscriptions to Ancestry.co.uk and Findmypast.co.uk have been my main source of information with access to their billions of historical records.The record types that have been most useful are; census, birth, marriage, and death. This information gained has given structure to the house history, providing vital information of those who lived at the house and when they resided there. Not only do these websites provide access to records, but also photos, postcards and family letters!

Not only am I interested in the families, but also the urban infrastructure. Maps, particularly, the Know Your Place website, where maps of varying times can be layered, have given me a wealth of information of how my road and adjacent roads have developed over time.

Not only have I researched my house, but also Greenclose Road itself. The Britishnewspaperarchives.co.uk website has provided some very interesting stories that have appeared in newspapers, through searching for “Greenclose” into its search engine. I have also included newspaper adverts of the various businesses that have operated on Greenclose Road over the years. Interestingly there has been a very eclectic range of establishments throughout time!

Past residents who were buried in |Ilfracombe, at either Marlborough Road. Cemetery or Holy Trinity Church, have been located through searching on Gravestonephotos.com. This website gives access to a thumbnail trail to aid in locating graves through showing photos of gravestones within a close proximity. Much fun has been had searching for these headstones and taking photos!

Greenclose Road is a residential street in the seaside town of Ilfracombe, North Devon. The road is on a slight incline that runs east to west from the High Street down to Wilder Road.

The major building boom of residential properties around Greenclose Road and the neighbouring streets came between 1870 - 1900. The opening of the Ilfracombe railway station in 1874 is a likely explanation for extensive housing development during this time.

*Earliest map found, dated **1840s**. Greenclose Road later went on to run through the parcel of land labelled 307. The grey rectangular building, centre, right, is the site of the old Congregational chapel, now replaced by the building known as the Lantern.*

Source: Know your place, https://maps.bristol.gov.uk

*Map dated **1879 - 1888**. House numbers 9 and 10 have now been built and there are also new buildings at the top end of Greenclose Road on either side approaching the High Street. The Westbourne hotel at the western end of the road has also been constructed.*

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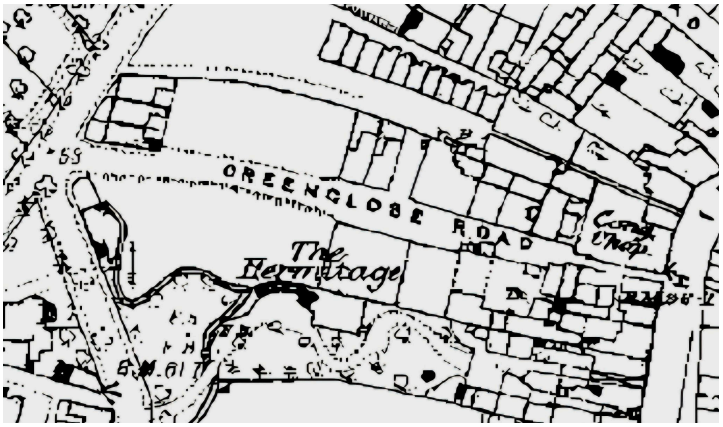

*Dated **1880**, the housing development shown on this map is of a similar time to the previous map.*

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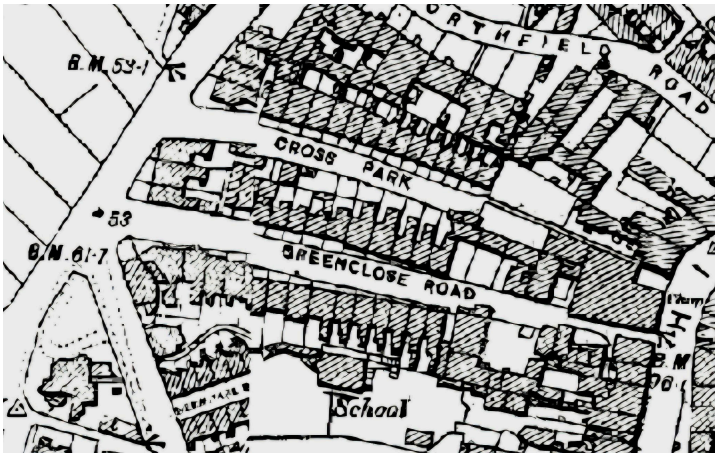

*35 Greenclose road has now appeared and the rest of the road has been fully developed, according to this **1904** map. The surrounding roads are also looking heavily urbanized.*

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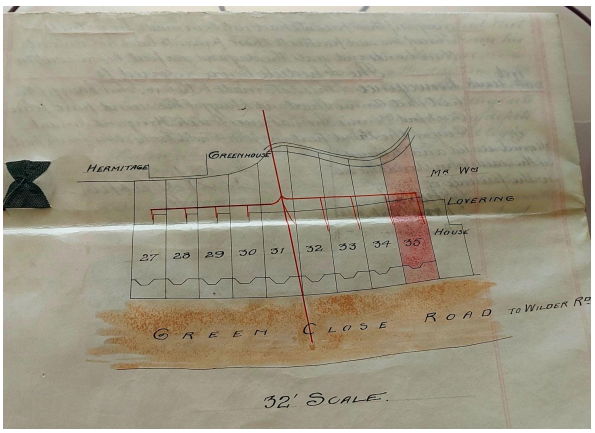

1888 *drawing taken from house deeds showing 27 - 35 Greenclose Road.*

Greenclose Road in the centre of this image of a ***1946*** *aerial view.*
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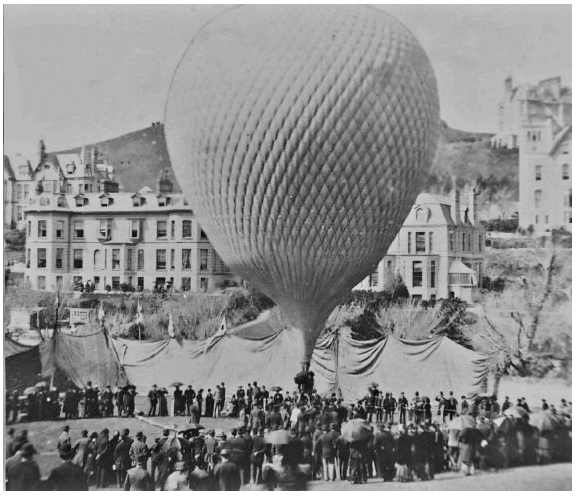

Early photo dated ***1884*** *of an ascending hot air balloon taken from the bottom of Greenclose Road.*

**Greenclose Road has appeared in various newspapers over the years.
In chronological order here is a selection of articles
that may be of interest.**

Man fined £25 for trespass and damages when interfering with a neighbours wall!

DAMAGE FOR TRESPASS.— At the Barnstaple County Court on Monday the following case was heard :—William Turner *v.* Richard Vicary.—This was a case in which the plaintiff, a draper, of Ilfracombe, and late of Exeter, claimed the sum of £25 of the defendant, residing at Ilfracombe, for trespass, and damages for wrongly interfering with, disturbing, and using his wall at his house in Greenclose Road, Ilfracombe.—Mr. F. Day, of Southmolton, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. W. A. Roberts for the defendant.—The action was in respect of a wall between the house of the parties—After an argument before his Honour the case fell through by the parties consenting to a verdict for the plaintiff for £13 10s. with Court costs, the defendant to become the owner of a moiety of the wall in dispute.

15/2/1890 Ilfracombe Chronicle

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I hear that considerable excitement was caused by—one might almost say—the machinations of a traction engine in the town on Tuesday. The machine in question was attached to a heavy waggon load of hay, and on proceeding down Northfield Road knocked down a signboard, which fell on the top of a boy's head. Upon a passer-by sympathising with the youngster, and expressing surprise that his skull had not been fractured, the juvenile, evidently convinced of the close resemblance between the material forming his head and the material forming the signboard, exclaimed :——"Oh! don't trouble! 'twould take a sharp thing to cut my head open." I also hear that in Greenclose Road the engine ran away, knocked down trees wholesale, and sent a whole family into hysterics. Later in the day, when attached to a mortar mill, the fractious tractioner caused a man to fall into the arms of a fair damsel, who, in the ordeal, could barely save herself from being hopelessly mixed up with the strawberries and other dainties exposed for sale in one of the local fruiterers' windows. It is only right that I should say that the driver stuck to his post, and displayed more coolness than I should have done under similar circumstances. He didn't even use strong language.

Wagon of hay sends family into hysterics!

10/6/1893 Ilfracombe Chronicle

Ilfracombe Territorial is accidentally shot when returning a firearm to the gun-shed.

ILFRACOMBE Territorials on Saturday last held a Battery parade, when the Company, under Capt. Thomas, proceeded to Rillage Point, with their 4.7 gun drawn by eight horses for aiming tube practice. After four rounds had been fired a thick fog coming on prevented further shooting, so the Company returned home, and on arriving at the gun shed in Greenclose-road, a serious accident happened to Gunner B. Brooks. He was detailed to look after the brakes, and whilst the gun was being steered into the shed, Brooks' right foot got caught underneath the gun wheel, crushing it badly. He was immediately removed to the Tyrrell Cottage Hospital, where he was attended by Surgeon Lieut. Kettlewell. It is thought that the injury will necessitate Brooks having one of his toes amputated.

27/4/1911 North Devon Journal.

GREENCLOSE ROAD.

The Ratepayers' Association asked for another lamp here, and the SURVEYOR said the Secretary of the Congregatioual Church had not yet answered the request to fix one on the wall.

Ratepayers ask for a new street lamp on Greenclose Road.

6/5/1911 Ilfracombe Chronicle

Continuing street lighting issues on Greenclose Road.

LIGHTING GREENCLOSE ROAD.

Mr SMITH asked when the lighting here would be improved.

The CHAIRMAN said it wouid be dealt with at Lady-Day.

Mr SMITH said that was too long to wait.

9/12/1911 Ilfracombe Chronicle

SALE THIS DAY.
ILFRACOMBE.

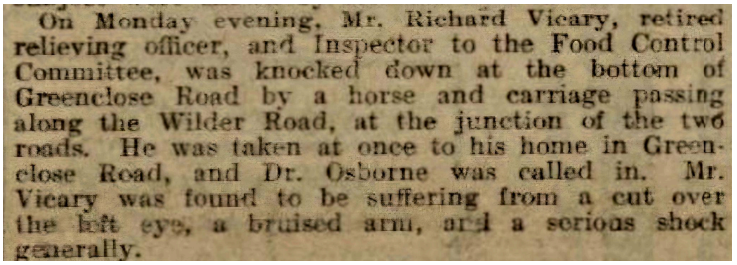
ALFRED PERRIN and SON will offer for Sale at the Queen's Hotel, Ilfracombe, THIS DAY (THURSDAY), at 3.30 p.m., the THREE FREEHOLD DWELLING HOUSES, Nos. 33, 34, and 35, Greenclose Road, Ilfracombe.

J. A. PEARCE,
Solicitor, Devonport.

Nos 33, 34.and 35 Greenclose Road advertised for sale at the Queens Hotel.

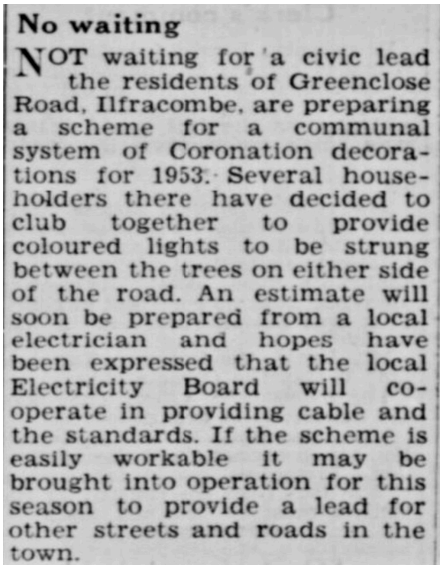
25/9/1919 North Devon Journal

Man knocked down at the bottom of Greenclose Road by horse and carriage.



On Monday evening, Mr. Richard Vicary, retired relieving officer, and Inspector to the Food Control Committee, was knocked down at the bottom of Greenclose Road by a horse and carriage passing along the Wilder Road, at the junction of the two roads. He was taken at once to his home in Greenclose Road, and Dr. Osborne was called in. Mr. Vicary was found to be suffering from a cut over the left eye, a bruised arm, and a serious shock generally.

30/9/1920 North Devon Journal



No waiting

NOT waiting for a civic lead the residents of Greenclose Road, Ilfracombe, are preparing a scheme for a communal system of Coronation decorations for 1953. Several householders there have decided to club together to provide coloured lights to be strung between the trees on either side of the road. An estimate will soon be prepared from a local electrician and hopes have been expressed that the local Electricity Board will co-operate in providing cable and the standards. If the scheme is easily workable it may be brought into operation for this season to provide a lead for other streets and roads in the town.

It appears that Greenclose Road in the past was tree-lined on both sides. A 1953 newspaper article reports on the residents of the street preparing for the Queen's Coronation by lighting the road with coloured lights strung through the trees in preparation for the celebrations!

Ilfracome Chronicle 9/5/1952

Ilfracombe Council Sanitary Inspector struck by the door of a refuse van.

SANITARY INSPECTOR INJURED

Mr. F. J. Saunders, sanitary inspector to Ilfracombe Council, sustained numerous abrasions when he was struck by the door of a refuse van in Greenclose Road on Monday.

He received treatment at the local hospital, where a facial injury necessitated the insertion of several stitches.

24/10/1952 Ilfracombe Chronicle

Families Timeline

1891 - Lethaby Family

1901 - Ham Family

1911 - Few Family

1921 - Pigott Family

1939 - Batten Family

1948 - Lane Family

1972 - Barbeary Family

2016 - Tapp Family

Lethaby Family
Listed Occupants on 1891 Census

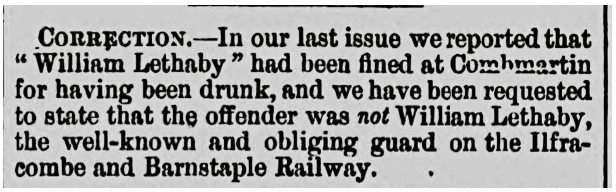
William Lethaby - Born Kentishbury, Devon. 10/1839 - 3/2/1920
Occupation: Railway guard.

Susan Lethaby - Born Kentishbury, Devon. 1838 - 6/9/1915

Elizabeth Jane Skelton nee Lethaby - 1846 - 27/5/1928
(Elizabeth was William's sister)

Susan Frayne - Born Eastdown, Devon. 1836 - 1930
Occupation: Housekeeper.

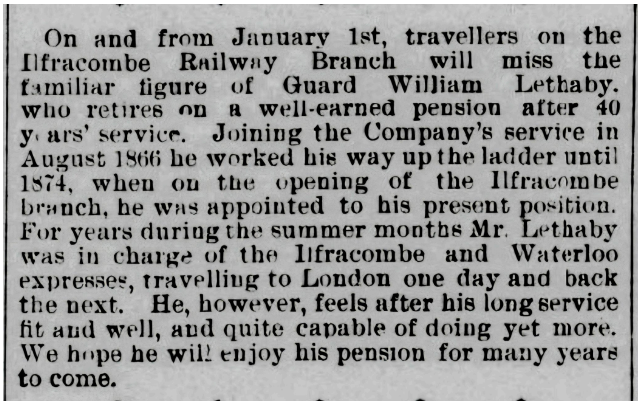
The Lethaby family's events



CORRECTION.—In our last issue we reported that "William Lethaby" had been fined at Combmartin for having been drunk, and we have been requested to state that the offender was *not* William Lethaby, the well-known and obliging guard on the Ilfracombe and Barnstaple Railway.

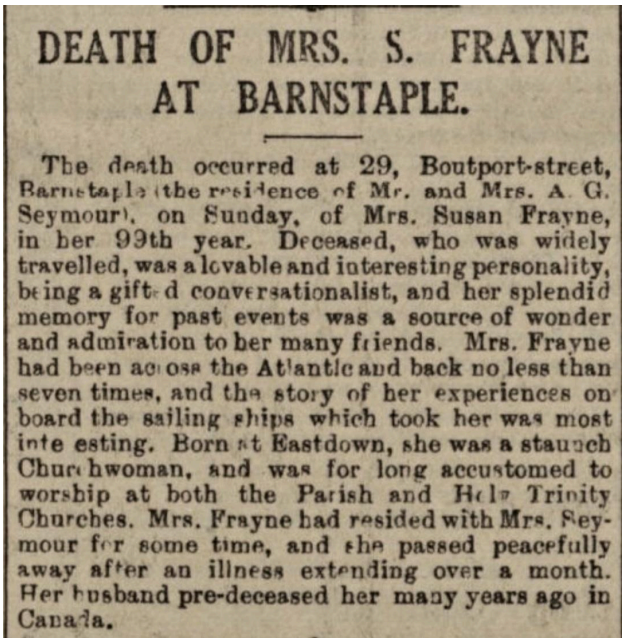
19/1/1878 *the Ilfracombe Chronicle corrected an incorrect story that William had not been drunk in Combe Martin, as the newspaper had stated in its last issue. The article goes on to comment that William is a well known and obliging guard on the Ilfracombe and Barnstaple Railway.*

28/12/1906 *the North Devon Herald announces William's retirement from the Ilfracombe Railway Branch Line after 40 years service, with a well-earned pension! The article mentions that William was often in charge of the Ilfracombe to Waterloo express.*



On and from January 1st, travellers on the Ilfracombe Railway Branch will miss the familiar figure of Guard William Lethaby, who retires on a well-earned pension after 40 years' service. Joining the Company's service in August 1866 he worked his way up the ladder until 1874, when on the opening of the Ilfracombe branch, he was appointed to his present position. For years during the summer months Mr. Lethaby was in charge of the Ilfracombe and Waterloo expresses, travelling to London one day and back the next. He, however, feels after his long service fit and well, and quite capable of doing yet more. We hope he will enjoy his pension for many years to come.

3/2/1920 *William is buried at Holy Trinity Church, Ilfracombe. His headstone also names Susan and Elizabeth.*



DEATH OF MRS. S. FRAYNE AT BARNSTAPLE.

The death occurred at 29, Boutport-street, Barnstaple (the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Seymour), on Sunday, of Mrs. Susan Frayne, in her 99th year. Deceased, who was widely travelled, was a lovable and interesting personality, being a gifted conversationalist, and her splendid memory for past events was a source of wonder and admiration to her many friends. Mrs. Frayne had been across the Atlantic and back no less than seven times, and the story of her experiences on board the sailing ships which took her was most interesting. Born at Eastdown, she was a staunch Churchwoman, and was for long accustomed to worship at both the Parish and Holy Trinity Churches. Mrs. Frayne had resided with Mrs. Seymour for some time, and she passed peacefully away after an illness extending over a month. Her husband pre-deceased her many years ago in Canada.

9/1/1930 *the death of Susan Frayne is reported at Barnstaple in the North Devon Journal. She was described as a lovable and interesting personality. Susan had travelled the Atlantic no less than seven times and the stories of her experiences on board the sailing ships were most interesting.*

Ham Family
Listed Occupants on 1901 Census

William Henry Ham - Born Appledore, Devon. 1848 - ?
Occupation: House painter (1871 working as groom).

Fanny Ham - Born Babbacombe, Devon. 3/1856 - 3/1902

Gertrude Ellen Ham - Born Barnstaple, Devon. 1879 - 9/2/1910

Frederick William Ham - Born Barnstaple, Devon. 12/2/1882 - 11/12/1955

Nellie Ham - Born Barnstaple, Devon. 1888 - ?

Mabel Evelyn Ham - Born Barnstaple, Devon. 25/3/1901 - ?

Mary Ann Pugsley - Born Ilfracombe, Devon. 1843 - ?
Occupation: Monthly Nurse.

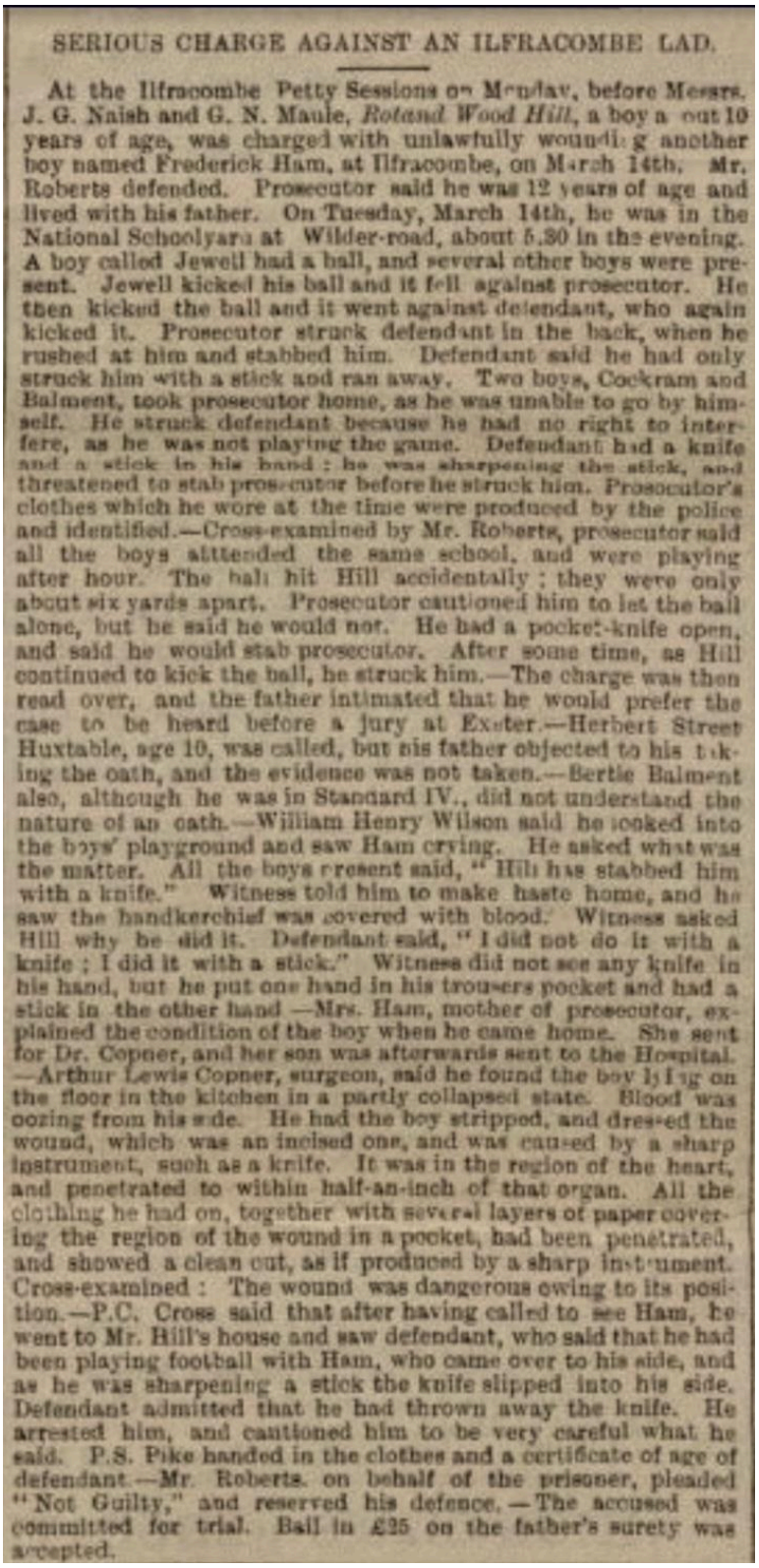
Ernest Richard Clarke - Born Torrington, Devon. 1877 - 17/2/1953
Occupation: Boot and Shoe Maker. (boarder)

Residents found in newspaper archives prior to 1901 Census

Grace Matilda Ham - Born Beaford, Devon. 1846 - 6/9/1898

Florence Ellen Ham - Born Barnstaple, Devon. 1877 - 17/11/1894

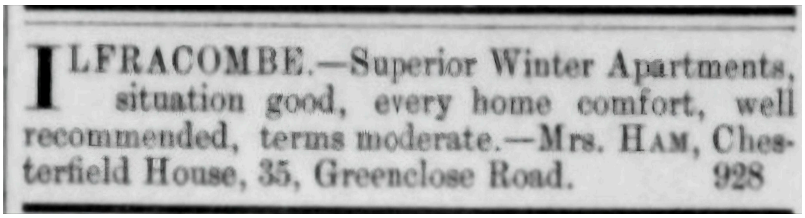
The Ham family's events



SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST AN ILFRACOMBE LAD.

At the Ilfracombe Petty Sessions on Monday, before Messrs. J. G. Naish and G. N. Maule, *Roland Wood Hill*, a boy a out 10 years of age, was charged with unlawfully wounding another boy named Frederick Ham, at Ilfracombe, on March 14th. Mr. Roberts defended. Prosecutor said he was 12 years of age and lived with his father. On Tuesday, March 14th, he was in the National Schoolyard at Wilder-road, about 5.30 in the evening. A boy called Jewell had a ball, and several other boys were present. Jewell kicked his ball and it fell against prosecutor. He then kicked the ball and it went against defendant, who again kicked it. Prosecutor struck defendant in the back, when he rushed at him and stabbed him. Defendant said he had only struck him with a stick and ran away. Two boys, Cockram and Balment, took prosecutor home, as he was unable to go by himself. He struck defendant because he had no right to interfere, as he was not playing the game. Defendant had a knife and a stick in his hand; he was sharpening the stick, and threatened to stab prosecutor before he struck him. Prosecutor's clothes which he wore at the time were produced by the police and identified.—Cross-examined by Mr. Roberts, prosecutor said all the boys attended the same school, and were playing after hour. The ball hit Hill accidentally; they were only about six yards apart. Prosecutor cautioned him to let the ball alone, but he said he would not. He had a pocket-knife open, and said he would stab prosecutor. After some time, as Hill continued to kick the ball, he struck him.—The charge was then read over, and the father intimated that he would prefer the case to be heard before a jury at Exeter.—Herbert Street Huxtable, age 10, was called, but his father objected to his taking the oath, and the evidence was not taken.—Bertie Balment also, although he was in Standard IV., did not understand the nature of an oath.—William Henry Wilson said he looked into the boys' playground and saw Ham crying. He asked what was the matter. All the boys present said, "Hill has stabbed him with a knife." Witness told him to make haste home, and he saw the handkerchief was covered with blood. Witness asked Hill why he did it. Defendant said, "I did not do it with a knife; I did it with a stick." Witness did not see any knife in his hand, but he put one hand in his trousers pocket and had a stick in the other hand.—Mrs. Ham, mother of prosecutor, explained the condition of the boy when he came home. She sent for Dr. Copner, and her son was afterwards sent to the Hospital. —Arthur Lewis Copner, surgeon, said he found the boy lying on the floor in the kitchen in a partly collapsed state. Blood was oozing from his side. He had the boy stripped, and dressed the wound, which was an incised one, and was caused by a sharp instrument, such as a knife. It was in the region of the heart, and penetrated to within half-an-inch of that organ. All the clothing he had on, together with several layers of paper covering the region of the wound in a pocket, had been penetrated, and showed a clean cut, as if produced by a sharp instrument. Cross-examined: The wound was dangerous owing to its position.—P.C. Cross said that after having called to see Ham, he went to Mr. Hill's house and saw defendant, who said that he had been playing football with Ham, who came over to his side, and as he was sharpening a stick the knife slipped into his side. Defendant admitted that he had thrown away the knife. He arrested him, and cautioned him to be very careful what he said. P.S. Pike handed in the clothes and a certificate of age of defendant.—Mr. Roberts, on behalf of the prisoner, pleaded "Not Guilty," and reserved his defence.—The accused was committed for trial. Bail in £25 on the father's surety was accepted.

20/4/1893 *the North Devon Journal reported that on 14th March 12 year old Frederick had been unlawfully wounded, with stab wounds, during an incident in his schoolyard on Wilder Road, Ilfracombe. Witnesses said they saw the accused, 9 year old Rowland Wood Hill, holding a knife. However, Rowland said he stabbed Frederick with a stick! A passerby advised Frederick to go home. The medical practitioner was called and found Frederick lying on his kitchen floor. Frederick was then treated at the Tyrrell Hospital for wounds to his chest. For four days he was in a critical state.*



ILFRACOMBE.—Superior Winter Apartments, situation good, every home comfort, well recommended, terms moderate.—Mrs. HAM, Chesterfield House, 35, Greenclose Road. 928

30/10/1897 *the Walsall Advertiser describes Mrs Ham's establishment as Superior Winter Apartments and we learn that the house's original name was Chesterfield House!*

1907 *Gertrude married Ernest Clarke at Holy Trinity Church, Ifracombe.*

9/2/1910 *Gertrude is buried at Holy Trinity Church, Ilfracombe. Ernest is later added to the headstone.*

1911 *William Ham lived at 20 Brookdale Avenue, Ilfracombe.*

1871 - 1930 *William married 4 times and had 9 children in total.*

Few Family
Listed as Occupants on 1911 Census

Albert Edward Few - Born Worton, Wiltshire. 1863 - 19/5/1937
Occupation: Gardener.

Harriet Few - Born Braunton, Devon. 1862 - 1925

Albert Edwin Few - Born Poulshot, Wiltshire. 1892 - 1/10/1917
Occupation: Grocer and Provisions merchant prior to the war.

Harold Few - Place of birth Horrabridge, Devon. 1895 - ? Invalid.

Wilfred Few - Born Cambridge. 1897 - 1945
Occupation: Hairdresser's apprentice prior to war.

Charles Arthur Few - Born Cambridge. 1899 - 01/1966
Occupation: School pupil.

Dorothy Muriel Few - Born Ilfracombe, Devon. 1901 - 4/1930
Occupation: School pupil.

Reginald James Few - Born Ilfracombe, Devon. 1/7/1907 - 15/1/1978
Occupation: School Pupil (by 1921 had become an outfitters apprentice).

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Mary Edna Mayne 1876 - ?

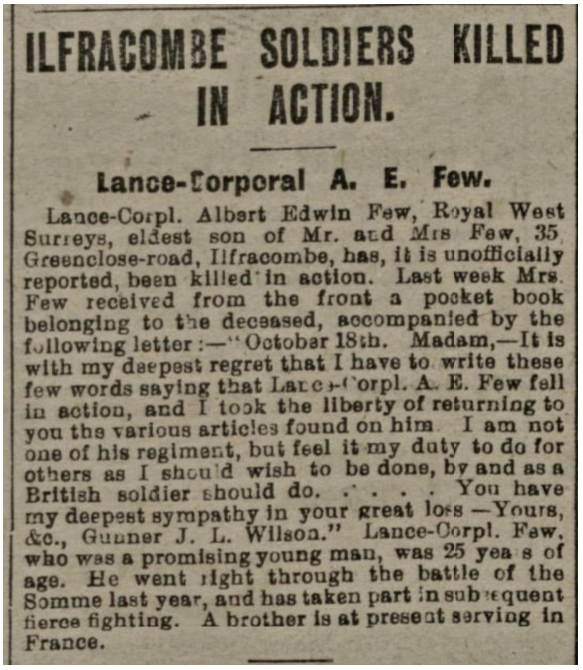
The Few family's events

1914 - 1920 *Wilfred was in the Rifle Brigade, London Regiment, King's Royal Rifle Corps.*

1914 - 1920 *Charles was in the 14th Battalion of the London Regiment.*

1914 - 1917 *Albert Edwin was a Private in The Royal West Surrey Regiment and he died in action in France.*

8/11/1917 *the North Devon Journal records that, sadly, Albert Edwin was killed in action. The article mentions he survived throughout the Battle of the Somme the previous year, and had taken part in subsequent fierce fighting. It goes on to say his brother was currently serving in France.*



ILFRACOMBE SOLDIERS KILLED IN ACTION.

Lance-Corporal A. E. Few.

Lance-Corpl. Albert Edwin Few, Royal West Surreys, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs Few, 35 Greenclose-road, Ilfracombe, has, it is unofficially reported, been killed in action. Last week Mrs. Few received from the front a pocket book belonging to the deceased, accompanied by the following letter:—"October 18th. Madam,—It is with my deepest regret that I have to write these few words saying that Lance-Corpl. A. E. Few fell in action, and I took the liberty of returning to you the various articles found on him. I am not one of his regiment, but feel it my duty to do for others as I should wish to be done, by and as a British soldier should do. . . . . You have my deepest sympathy in your great loss.—Yours, &c., Gunner J. L. Wilson." Lance-Corpl. Few, who was a promising young man, was 25 years of age. He went right through the battle of the Somme last year, and has taken part in subsequent fierce fighting. A brother is at present serving in France.

1921 *the Fews lived at the same address, 66 St Brannocks Road, that the Bushells were residing at when the Western Times reported on the wedding of Dorothy.*

1925 *Harriet is buried at Holy Trinity Church, Ilfracombe, along with Dorothy Bushell, nee Few, and her son-in-law, John David Bushell.*

4/10/1928 *the Western Times published an article reporting on the wedding of Dorothy and John. The day is described and the guests who attended were listed. The organist played the Bridal March from Lohengrin! The reception was held at the home of the groom's parents on St Brannocks Road. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold signet ring, and the bridegroom's gift to the bride was a fox fur coat!*

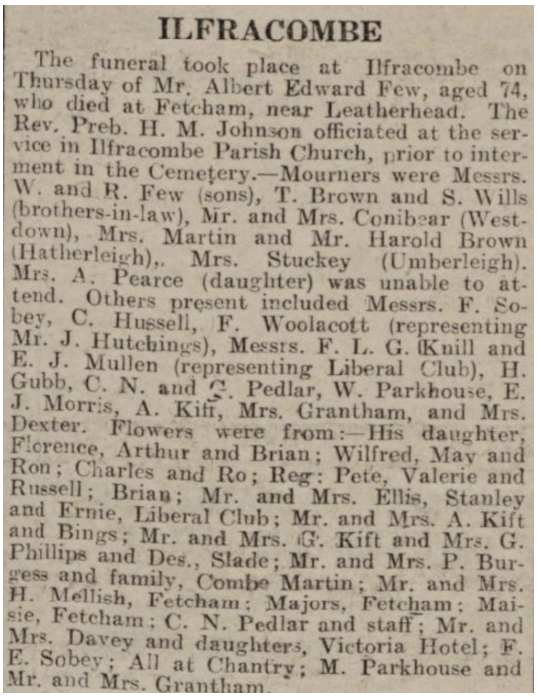
WEDDINGS AT ILFRACOMBE

Mr. J. D. Bushell and Miss D. M. Few

Much interest was evinced in the wedding which took place at the Ilfracombe Parish Church on Monday of Mr. John David Bushell, only son of Mr. Councillor and Mrs. J. J. Bushell, of 6, St. Brannock's-road, Ilfracombe, and Miss Dorothy Muriel Few, youngest daughter of Mr. A. E. Few and the late Mrs. A. E. Few, of 55, Greenclose-road, Ilfracombe. Rev. H. M. Johnson, M.A., officiated, and the service was fully choral. The organist played the Bridal March from "Lohengrin."

The bride, who was given away by her father, was daintily attired in silver lace over shell pink georgette (uneven hem), with shell pink crinoline hat and silver shoes. She carried a bouquet of rosebuds, white heather and pink lilies, with trailing fern. Her two bridesmaids were Miss Elsie Bushell (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Edna Fenton (cousin of the bridegroom). They wore dresses of Wisteria mauve georgette over silver lace skirts (uneven hems), with crinoline hats, mauve and silver shoes. They carried bouquets of pink lilies and trailing fern. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Alfred Fenton (cousin of the bridegroom), and the ushers were Mr. Reginald Few and Mr. Russell Davies.

A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom's parents, and later in the day the happy couple left for London, for the honeymoon. The bride's going-away costume was a figured georgette gown of blue beige, with Lido blue Ottoman silk coat and Lido blue velour hat. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a gold signet ring, and the bridegroom's gift to the bride a fox fur coat. The presents received included a portrait from the Vicar of Ilfracombe, both bride and bridegroom being connected with the church.

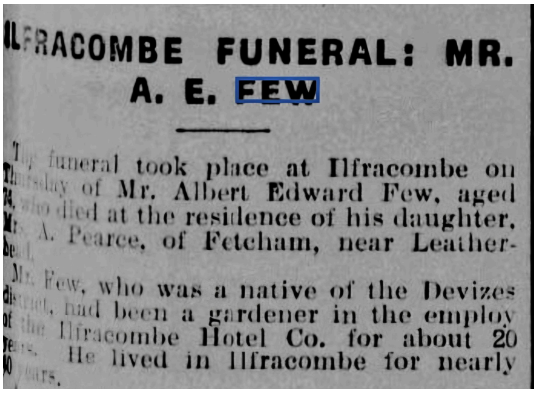


ILFRACOMBE

The funeral took place at Ilfracombe on Thursday of Mr. Albert Edward Few, aged 74, who died at Fetcham, near Leatherhead. The Rev. Preb. H. M. Johnson officiated at the service in Ilfracombe Parish Church, prior to interment in the Cemetery.—Mourners were Messrs. W. and R. Few (sons), T. Brown and S. Wills (brothers-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. Conibear (Westdown), Mrs. Martin and Mr. Harold Brown (Hatherleigh),. Mrs. Stuckey (Umberleigh). Mrs. A. Pearce (daughter) was unable to attend. Others present included Messrs. F. Sobey, C. Hussell, F. Woolacott (representing Mr. J. Hutchings), Messrs. F. L. G. Knill and E. J. Mullen (representing Liberal Club), H. Gubb, C. N. and G. Pedlar, W. Parkhouse, E. J. Morris, A. Kift, Mrs. Grantham, and Mrs. Dexter. Flowers were from:—His daughter, Florence, Arthur and Brian; Wilfred, May and Ron; Charles and Ro; Reg: Pete, Valerie and Russell; Brian; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, Stanley and Ernie, Liberal Club; Mr. and Mrs. A. Kift and Bings; Mr. and Mrs. G. Kift and Mrs. G. Phillips and Des., Slade; Mr. and Mrs. P. Burgess and family, Combe Martin; Mr. and Mrs. H. Mellish, Fetcham; Majors, Fetcham; Maisie, Fetcham; C. N. Pedlar and staff; Mr. and Mrs. Davey and daughters, Victoria Hotel; F. E. Sobey; All at Chantry; M. Parkhouse and Mr. and Mrs. Grantham.

27/5/1937 *the North Devon Journal reports on the death of Albert at his daughter's address in Leatherhead. It went on to describe the funeral that took place in Ilfracombe, and those who attended.*

Another article described Albert as a native of Devizes, who had been a gardener at The Ilfracombe Hotel for 20 years, and had lived in Ilfracombe for over 40.



ILFRACOMBE FUNERAL: MR. A. E. FEW

The funeral took place at Ilfracombe on Thursday of Mr. Albert Edward Few, aged [illegible] who died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. Pearce, of Fetcham, near Leatherhead.

Mr. Few, who was a native of the Devizes district, had been a gardener in the employ of the Ilfracombe Hotel Co. for about 20 years. He lived in Ilfracombe for nearly 40 years.

14/11/1940 *William Edwin Ronald, son of Wilfred is buried at Marlborough Road Cemetery, Ilfracombe with his grand-father Albert and uncle Reginald. William was killed in an air raid in Lambeth, London. Service Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve.*

Piggott Family
Listed as Occupants on 1921 Census

William Edwin Piggott - Born Billinghay, Lincolnshire. 1857 - 25/8/1923
Occupation: Retired Accountant.

Mary Minnie Piggott - Born Shirwell, Devon. 1861 - 3/8/1924

Horace John Stanley Piggott - Born Orroroo, Australia. 23/2/1884 - 24/4/1970 Died in New Zealand,
Occupation: Soft Goods Dealer.

Daisy Maud Piggott - Born Lewisham, London. 3/4/1885 - 25/11/1976

Kura Daisy Maud Piggott - Born Wellington, New Zealand. 18/11/1909 - 27/10/1997

Moa Blanche Piggott - Born Wellington, New Zealand. 1/9/1911 - 18/6/2002

Beryl Tearocha Fry Piggott - Born Wellington, New Zealand. 20/4/1913 - 5/5/1999

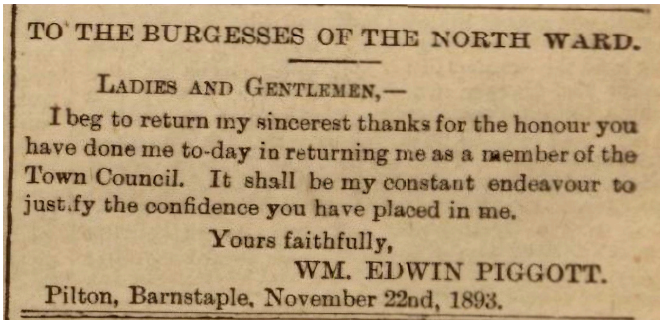
Jessie Elizabeth Glanville - Born Hackney, London. 1861 - ?
Occupation: Pensioner.

Mary Eleanor Hawksworth - Born Blackfriars, Leicestershire. 1856 - 16/11/1923
Occupation: Home duties.

The Piggott family's events

1881 *the census lists William's occupation as School Master.*

23/11/1893 *North Devon Journal publishes William's thanks for re-election to Barnstaple Town Council.*



TO THE BURGESSES OF THE NORTH WARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to return my sincerest thanks for the honour you have done me to-day in returning me as a member of the Town Council. It shall be my constant endeavour to justify the confidence you have placed in me.

Yours faithfully,

WM. EDWIN PIGGOTT.

Pilton, Barnstaple, November 22nd, 1893.

1900 approx. *photo of William and Mary. The couple were devout members of the Exclusive Brethren (Plymouth Brethren).*

22/4/1903 *Horace departed for Quebec, Canada on a Canadian ship (Dominion Line) from England.*

1/8/1908 *Horace and Daisy married in Lewisham, London.*

18/9/1908 *Horace and Daisy are on the passenger list of the "Corinthic" (ship belonging to Shaw, Savill & Albion Coy Ltd) departing from London to Wellington, New Zealand.*

1910 approx. *photo of William and Mary taken in Ilfracombe. The others in the photo are unknown.*

9/1/1912 *Horace departed from Southampton to New York on the "Olympic" (White Star Line). It appears he travelled alone.*

1912 *photo of Kura, Moa and Beryl.*

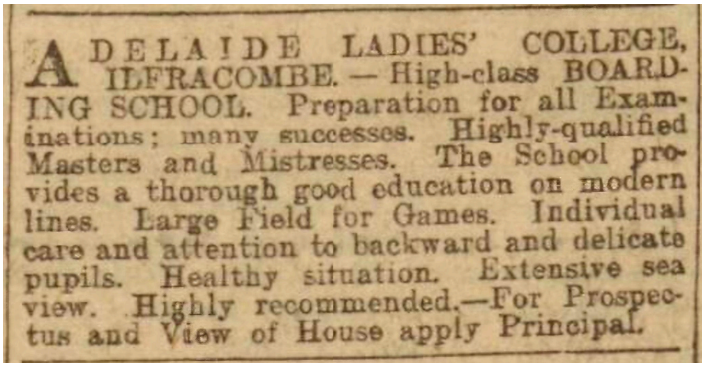
1914 - 1920 *Horace was a private in the East Kent Regiment, British Army.*

1921 *Mr Few signed the census as the named person responsible for making the return when the Piggotts were living at Greenclose Road. Also living at Greencose Road in 1921 were Albert, Harriet, Harold, Dorothy and Reginald. Harriet is listed as being the Lodging house keeper.*

1921 *the census lists William as a retired accountant, previously employed by Armour and Co Ltd Meat Importers, which was at the time one the largest American meatpacking companies. William invested £8,500 in Broken Hill Proprietary and subsequently made a large sum of money. He floated companies in the UK and invested in the Kalgoorlie Perth water line. This investment wasn't successful so he went back to work as an employee in the UK and subsequently became the Credit Manager of Armours Ltd (UK meat processing company).*

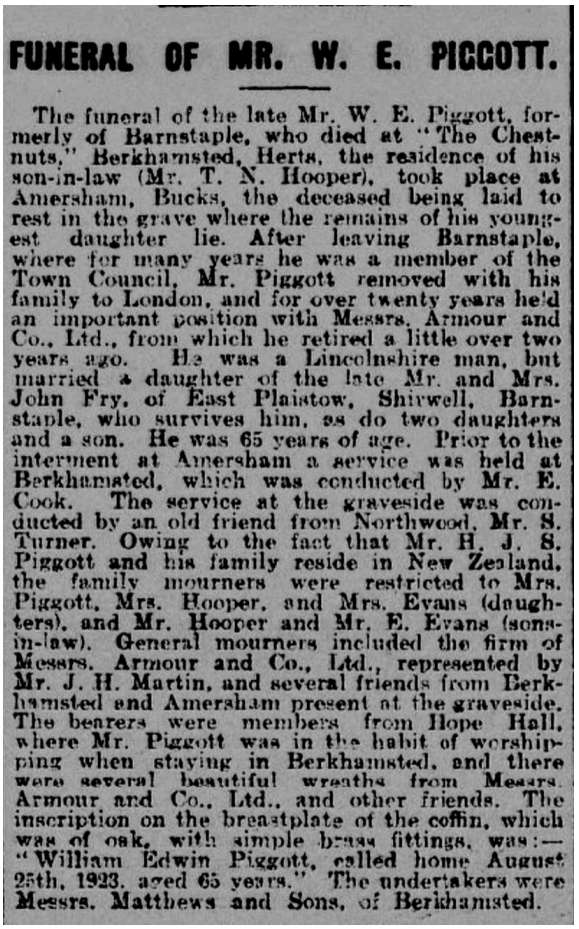
10/11/1921 *Horace, Daisy, Kura, Moa and Beryl are on the passenger list for the "Ruahine" (ship of The New Zealand Shipping Company Limited) departing from Southampton sailing to Wellington New Zealand.*

11/8/1922 *advertisement in Exeter and Plymouth Gazette for Adelaide college. William and Mary left their grandchildren twice at the private Adelaide College in Ilfracombe, whilst they went to Australia. They made money, and lost it again, in silver and gold mines. It's not mentioned where the grandchildren' s parents, Horace and Daisy, were during those times.*



ADELAIDE LADIES' COLLEGE, ILFRACOMBE. — High-class BOARDING SCHOOL. Preparation for all Examinations; many successes. Highly-qualified Masters and Mistresses. The School provides a thorough good education on modern lines. Large Field for Games. Individual care and attention to backward and delicate pupils. Healthy situation. Extensive sea view. Highly recommended.—For Prospectus and View of House apply Principal.

6/9/1923 *the North Devon Herald reported on the funeral of William, that it took place in Amersham Bucks. William was laid to rest next to the remains of his daughter. The article gives a history of William's life stating he had only retired from Armours Ltd two years ago. The article goes on to give a description of the funeral and who attended.*



FUNERAL OF MR. W. E. PIGGOTT.

The funeral of the late Mr. W. E. Piggott, formerly of Barnstaple, who died at "The Chestnuts," Berkhamsted, Herts, the residence of his son-in-law (Mr. T. N. Hooper), took place at Amersham, Bucks, the deceased being laid to rest in the grave where the remains of his youngest daughter lie. After leaving Barnstaple, where for many years he was a member of the Town Council, Mr. Piggott removed with his family to London, and for over twenty years held an important position with Messrs. Armour and Co., Ltd., from which he retired a little over two years ago. He was a Lincolnshire man, but married a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Fry, of East Plaistow, Shirwell, Barnstaple, who survives him, as do two daughters and a son. He was 65 years of age. Prior to the interment at Amersham a service was held at Berkhamsted, which was conducted by Mr. E. Cook. The service at the graveside was conducted by an old friend from Northwood, Mr. S. Turner. Owing to the fact that Mr. H. J. S. Piggott and his family reside in New Zealand, the family mourners were restricted to Mrs. Piggott, Mrs. Hooper, and Mrs. Evans (daughters), and Mr. Hooper and Mr. E. Evans (sons-in-law). General mourners included the firm of Messrs. Armour and Co., Ltd., represented by Mr. J. H. Martin, and several friends from Berkhamsted and Amersham present at the graveside. The bearers were members from Hope Hall, where Mr. Piggott was in the habit of worshipping when staying in Berkhamsted, and there were several beautiful wreaths from Messrs. Armour and Co., Ltd., and other friends. The inscription on the breastplate of the coffin, which was of oak, with simple brass fittings, was:—"William Edwin Piggott, called home August 25th, 1923, aged 65 years." The undertakers were Messrs. Matthews and Sons, of Berkhamsted.

16/11/1923 *probate to Jessie Glanville, spinster and William Hawksworth Jewellers £499.*

1/1/1926 *Horace and Daisy send a photo postcard to "Auntie Blanch" of Horace, Daisy, Kura, Moa and Beryl.*

27/4/1933 *the North Devon Herald reported on the New Zealand wedding of Kura and Donald Quintal Fraser. The article states that the bride is the grand-daughter of Mr and Mrs W Piggott of Lion House, Bradiford, Barnstaple.*

New Zealand Wedding.—The wedding was solemnised at Whangere, New Zealand, recently of Miss Kura Piggott, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Piggott, of Whangerei, and Mr. Donald Frazer, of Maungatapere. The bride is a granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Piggott, of Lion House, Bradiford, Barnstaple.

9/3/1937 *Moa married Ronald Windust in New Zealand.*

Wedding and honeymoon photo of Mick and Moa.

25/6/1937 *Horace and Daisy are on the passenger list from having arrived back in the UK from sailing on "Berengaria" (Cunard White Star Line) from New York to Southampton. Country of last residence documented as New Zealand, and proposed address in UK Berkshire.*

1937 *Beryl married Alan Higgins in New Zealand.*

28/1/1938 *Horace and Daisy are on the passenger list of the "Orcades" (Orient Shipping Line) sailing from London to Sydney, Australia.*

1911 - 1969 *Horace and Daisy are documented on the New Zealand electoral rolls, showing residency.*

1970s *photo of Beryl*

Batten Family
Listed as Occupants on 1939 Census

Alice Maud Batten - 10/6/1878 - 2/4//1959
Occupation: Unpaid Domestic Duties.

Gwendoline Olive Batten - 14/10/1919 - 28/12/1997

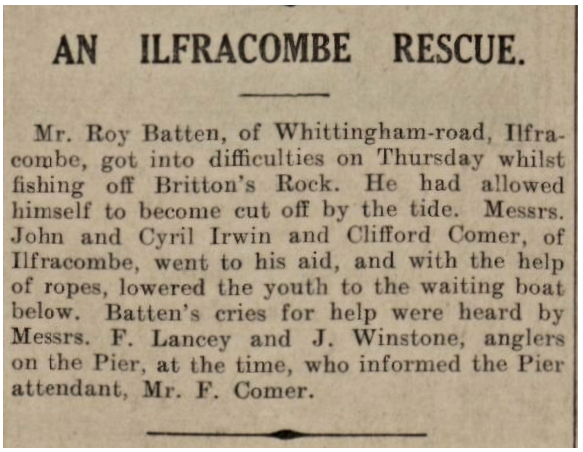
Roy Robert Charles Batten - 27/2/1912 - 22/1//2001

Harold Woods Batten - Born Saltash, Cornwall. 25/10/1914 - 9/7/1952
Occupation: Solicitor's Clerk.

Jennie Evelyn Burfitt - 1/11/1904 - 1982
Occupation: Unpaid Domestic Duties.

The Batten family's events

8/2/1934 *the North Devon Journal reported on Roy getting into difficulties when he got cut off by the tide whilst fishing off Britton's Rock. With the help of ropes, a group of anglers managed to lower Roy into a waiting boat below!*



AN ILFRACOMBE RESCUE.

Mr. Roy Batten, of Whittingham-road, Ilfracombe, got into difficulties on Thursday whilst fishing off Britton's Rock. He had allowed himself to become cut off by the tide. Messrs. John and Cyril Irwin and Clifford Comer, of Ilfracombe, went to his aid, and with the help of ropes, lowered the youth to the waiting boat below. Batten's cries for help were heard by Messrs. F. Lancey and J. Winstone, anglers on the Pier, at the time, who informed the Pier attendant, Mr. F. Comer.

1939 *the census showed only Alice, Harold and Jennie living at Greenclose Road at that time.*

1939 - 1945 *Harold was in the RAF during the war.*

LOST AND FOUND

CAR Starting Handle Lost, Ilfracombe- Braunton Road, early Monday. Reward. — Batten, 35, Greenclose Road, Ilfracombe.

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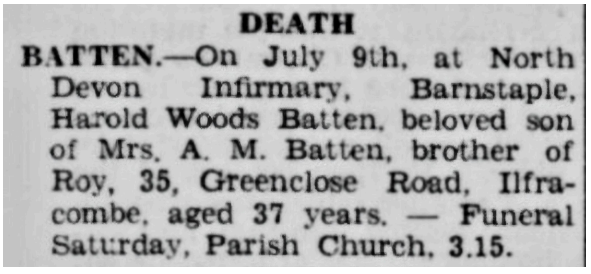
8/2/1952 *the Ilfracombe Chronicle's Lost and Found section mentions Batten's lost starting handle!*

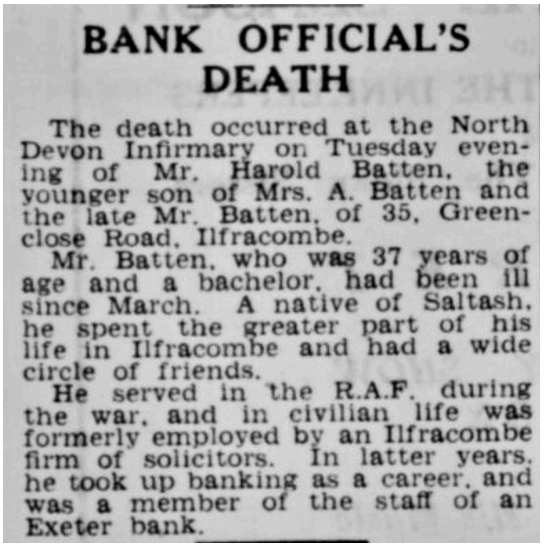
1952 *Roy Robert Charles married Gwendoline O'Hallam.*

1952 *Harold was still living at 35 Greenclose Road when he died.*



DEATH

BATTEN.—On July 9th, at North Devon Infirmary, Barnstaple, Harold Woods Batten, beloved son of Mrs. A. M. Batten, brother of Roy, 35, Greenclose Road, Ilfracombe, aged 37 years. — Funeral Saturday, Parish Church, 3.15.



BANK OFFICIAL'S DEATH

The death occurred at the North Devon Infirmary on Tuesday evening of Mr. Harold Batten, the younger son of Mrs. A. Batten and the late Mr. Batten, of 35, Greenclose Road, Ilfracombe.

Mr. Batten, who was 37 years of age and a bachelor, had been ill since March. A native of Saltash, he spent the greater part of his life in Ilfracombe and had a wide circle of friends.

He served in the R.A.F. during the war, and in civilian life was formerly employed by an Ilfracombe firm of solicitors. In latter years, he took up banking as a career, and was a member of the staff of an Exeter bank.

11/7/1952 *the Ilfracombe Chronicle reported on Harold's death and went on to describe him as a former employee of an Ilfracombe solicitor firm. In later years he took up banking as a career. Harold had spent a great part of his life in Ilfracombe and had a wide circle of friends!*

18/7/1952 *Harold's funeral, held at Holy Trinity Church, Ilfracombe, was reported in the Ilfracombe Chronicle. Kathleen and Frank were listed as the immediate mourners. Wreaths were sent including one signed "In loving memory" from Frank, Kath and the children.*

Funeral of Mr. H. W. Batten

MANY WREATHS

The funeral of Mr. Harold Woods Batten, younger son of Mrs. A. M. Batten, of 25, Greenclose Road, Ilfracombe, whose death was reported in our last issue, took place on Saturday.

The Vicar of Ilfracombe, the Rev. A. S. Chandler, conducted the service at the Parish Church, and the organist, Mr. J. Dalby, accompanied the singing of the hymn "Abide With Me."

The immediate mourners were: Mrs. A. M. Batten, mother; Mr. R. R. C. Batten, brother; Mr. W. Batten, uncle; Mrs. K. Lane, cousin; Mr. F. Lane, Mr. J. N. Lane, Miss M. Dawson, Mr. E. Clatworthy, and Mrs. E. Vickery.

Wreaths sent were: With beautiful and lasting memories of a dearly-loved son and brother, with love from his sorrowing mother and Roy; In affectionate remembrance, auntie, uncle, and cousin Beryl; In loving memory, Kath, Frank, and the children; In loving memory of dear Harold, Ethel (Bournemouth); With all our love and happy memories, Harry, Joan, and Barry; Margaret Dawson; To the best friend one could have, our dearest Harold, Ernie, Phyl, baby Paul, and Mrs. Clatworthy; Colleagues at National Provincial Bank, Ltd., and other friends; Colin Keetch and family;

1/2001 *Roy is buried at Marlborough Road Cemetery, Ilfracombe. Harold, Alice and Gwendoline are also named on headstone.*

Lane Family Occupants on house deeds dated from 1948

Kathleen Alice Lane - 2/10/1906 - 4/1993

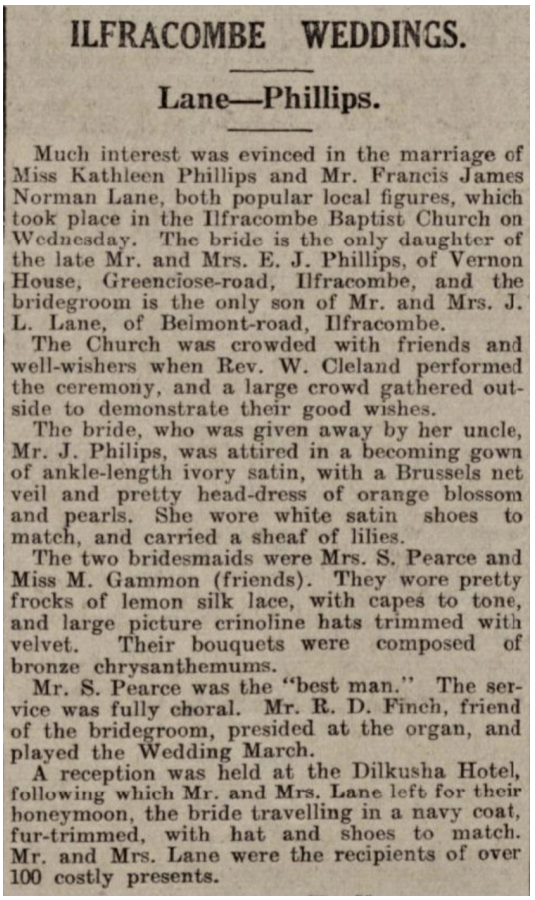
Francis James Norman Lane - Born Ilfracombe, Devon. 2/10/1907 - 1966
Occupation: Photographer.

3 children (not listed due to privacy and confidentiality as still living)

The Lane family's events

1921 *Francis was living at 9 High Street, Ilfracombe with his parents.*

13/10/1932 *the North Devon Journal reported on the wedding of Kathleen and Francis that took place in The Ilfracombe Baptist Church. The bride carried a sheaf of lilies and the two bridesmaids carried bouquets of bronze chrysanthemums. The article described the couple as both popular figures in Ilfracombe. The wedding reception was held at The Dilkusha Hotel.*



ILFRACOMBE WEDDINGS.

Lane—Phillips.

Much interest was evinced in the marriage of Miss Kathleen Phillips and Mr. Francis James Norman Lane, both popular local figures, which took place in the Ilfracombe Baptist Church on Wednesday. The bride is the only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Phillips, of Vernon House, Greenclose-road, Ilfracombe, and the bridegroom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lane, of Belmont-road, Ilfracombe.

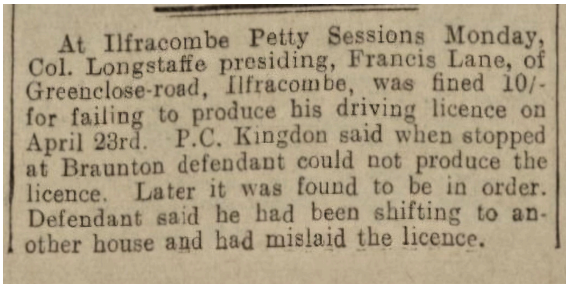
The Church was crowded with friends and well-wishers when Rev. W. Cleland performed the ceremony, and a large crowd gathered outside to demonstrate their good wishes.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. J. Philips, was attired in a becoming gown of ankle-length ivory satin, with a Brussels net veil and pretty head-dress of orange blossom and pearls. She wore white satin shoes to match, and carried a sheaf of lilies.

The two bridesmaids were Mrs. S. Pearce and Miss M. Gammon (friends). They wore pretty frocks of lemon silk lace, with capes to tone, and large picture crinoline hats trimmed with velvet. Their bouquets were composed of bronze chrysanthemums.

Mr. S. Pearce was the "best man." The service was fully choral. Mr. R. D. Finch, friend of the bridegroom, presided at the organ, and played the Wedding March.

A reception was held at the Dilkusha Hotel, following which Mr. and Mrs. Lane left for their honeymoon, the bride travelling in a navy coat, fur-trimmed, with hat and shoes to match. Mr. and Mrs. Lane were the recipients of over 100 costly presents.



At Ilfracombe Petty Sessions Monday, Col. Longstaffe presiding, Francis Lane, of Greenclose-road, Ilfracombe, was fined 10/- for failing to produce his driving licence on April 23rd. P.C. Kingdon said when stopped at Braunton defendant could not produce the licence. Later it was found to be in order. Defendant said he had been shifting to another house and had mislaid the licence.

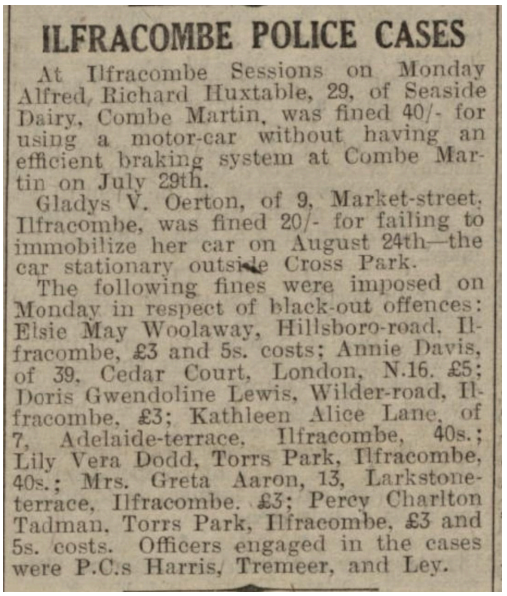
23/5/1935 *the Western Times reported on Francis being fined for failing to produce his driving licence when driving in Braunton. His driving licence was later found to be in good order and Francis said he had mislaid it when shifting to another house!*

1939 *Francis and Kathleen were living at 7 Adelaide Terrace, Ilfracombe on the 1939 census.*

1939 *Francis was a member of The Saint John Ambulance Brigade.*

6/10/1939 *Francis enlisted as a Sargent in REME. He is described as having green eyes, brown hair, 5ft 9 ins tall, weight, 182 lbs and as having a fresh complexion!*

18/9/1941 *the North Devon Journal reported on Kathleen being fined for blackout offenses whilst residing at Adelaide Terrace, Ilfracombe.*



ILFRACOMBE POLICE CASES

At Ilfracombe Sessions on Monday Alfred Richard Huxtable, 29, of Seaside Dairy, Combe Martin, was fined 40/- for using a motor-car without having an efficient braking system at Combe Martin on July 29th.

Gladys V. Oerton, of 9, Market-street, Ilfracombe, was fined 20/- for failing to immobilize her car on August 24th—the car stationary outside Cross Park.

The following fines were imposed on Monday in respect of black-out offences: Elsie May Woolaway, Hillsboro-road, Ilfracombe, £3 and 5s. costs; Annie Davis, of 39, Cedar Court, London, N.16. £5; Doris Gwendoline Lewis, Wilder-road, Ilfracombe, £3; Kathleen Alice Lane, of 7, Adelaide-terrace, Ilfracombe, 40s.; Lily Vera Dodd, Torrs Park, Ilfracombe, 40s.; Mrs. Greta Aaron, 13, Larkstone-terrace, Ilfracombe. £3; Percy Charlton Tadman, Torrs Park, Ilfracombe, £3 and 5s. costs. Officers engaged in the cases were P.C.s Harris, Tremeer, and Ley.

1948 *Mary Phillips, Kathleen's mother, died and Kathleen inherited from her 35 Greenclose Road.*

4/1993 *Kathleen is buried at Holy Trinity Church, Ilfracombe. Kathleen is the only name on the headstone.*

Barbeary Family Occupants on house deeds dated from 1972

Kevern Barbeary - 10/5/1932 - 14/11/1920
Occupation: Aerospace Engineer.

Kathleen Marion Barbeary - 1932 - 1/2/2012

2 sons (not named due to privacy/confidentiality rules as still living)

Tapp Family Occupants from 2016 (current)

Marti Kate Tapp - Born Bristol. 17/6/1972
Occupation: Nurse.

James Edward Tapp - Born Bristol. 20/4/1967
Occupation: Retired Nurse.

Rhea Ariadne Tapp - Born Bristol. 5/9/2003
Occupation: Health Carer.

Stella Marie Tapp - Born Abercarn, South Wales. 13/9/2006
Occupation: Student.

Jean Beryl Tapp - Born Bristol, 11/6/1930 - 9/6/2019
Occupation: Retired Tobacco Worker.

Miscellany of Greenclose Road Business Advertisements

26/3/1981 Acton Gazette

The Avenue Hotel was situated next door to 35 Greenclose Rd, on the corner shared with Wilder Road, The building is now an Indian Restaurant and rented flats.

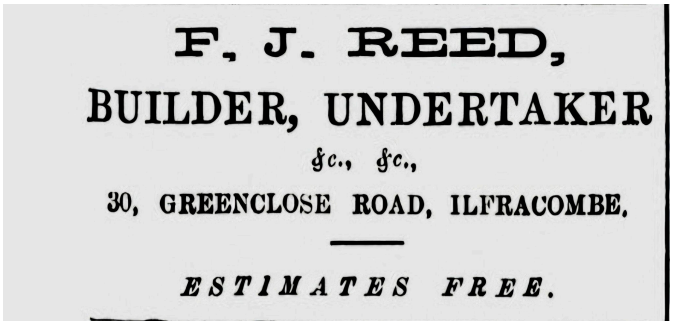
22/3/1981 Birmingham Weekly Mercury

PACKAGE HOLIDAY TO ILFRACOMBE, N. DEVON
Luxury coach travel from Birmingham.
7 nights Avenue Hotel Ilfracombe
2 full day excursions in glorious N. Devon.
Full English breakfast lunch. 5 course dinner. choice of menu.
Licence. dancing and entertainment.
5 mins. level walk seafront gardens.
Depart April 25 - Return May 2, £72.50
Tariff inc. VAT at 15%
Details: Avenue Hotel, Greenclose Road, Ilfracombe, Devon EX34 8BT. Tel.: (0271) 63767.

WESTBOURNE PRIVATE HOTEL
WILDER ROAD.
A.A. APPROVED.
Charmingly situated on the level, close to bathing beaches, promenade, and all places of amusement.
Hot and cold running water in all bedrooms, gas fires in several. Electric light.
Noted for comfort and good catering.
Telephone 120.
Telegrams :
"Westbourne, Ilfracombe."
35 years' reputation in the same family.
Mrs. E. HINTON.

1950s Ilfracombe On Glorious Devon's Ocean Coast Holiday Guide

The Westbourne Hotel was opposite The Avenue Hotel and has now been converted into flats.

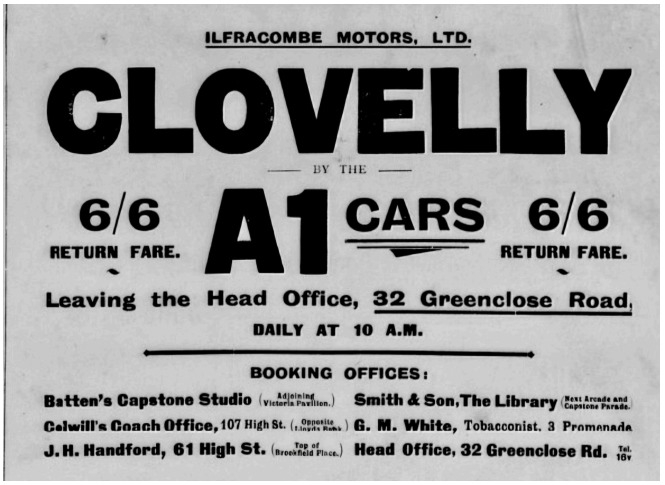


28/10/1893 Ilfracombe Chronicle

F. J. Reed is advertised as a Builder and Undertaker! The property now is a private house with a penthouse holiday rental.

17/6/1911 Ilfracombe Chronicle

A1 Cars, head office, at 32 Greenclose Road, advertising daily trips to Clovelly. The property is now a private dwelling.


ILFRACOMBE MOTORS, LTD.
CLOVELLY
BY THE
6/6
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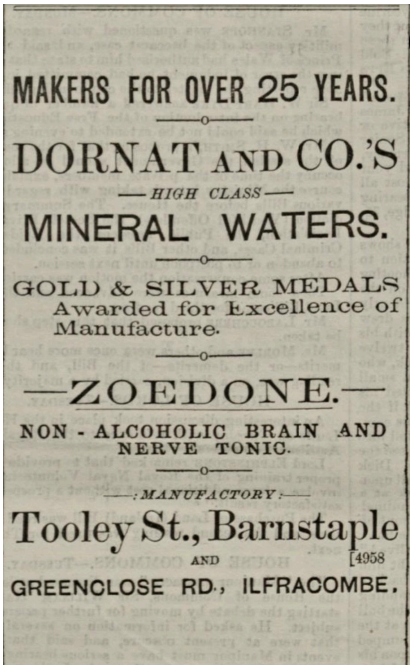
RETURN FARE.
Leaving the Head Office, 32 Greenclose Road,
DAILY AT 10 A.M.
BOOKING OFFICES:
Batten's Capstone Studio (Adjoining Victoria Pavilion.)
Smith & Son, The Library (Next Arcade and Capstone Parade.
Colwill's Coach Office, 107 High St. (Opposite
G. M. White, Tobacconist, 3 Promenade
J. H. Handford, 61 High St. (Top of
Head Office, 32 Greenclose Rd. Tel. 16y

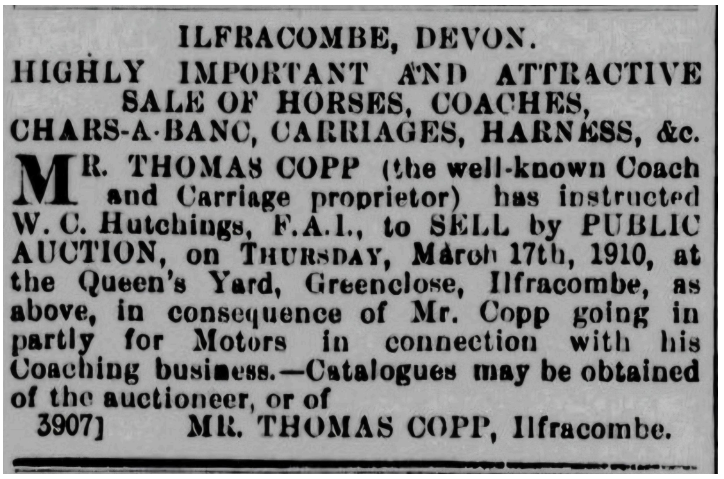


18/6/1891 North Devon Journal

Drinks factory advertising Non-alcoholic brain and nerve tonic! Unsure of location but likely to have been where the motorbike garage is now, at the High Street end of Greenclose Road.

3/3/1910 North Devon Herald

The sale of horses, coaches, char-a-bancs, carriages and harnesses at Queen's Yard. This area was located at the High Street and of Greenclose Road and has recently been developed as a complex of new houses. Prior to being redeveloped was a blacksmiths.

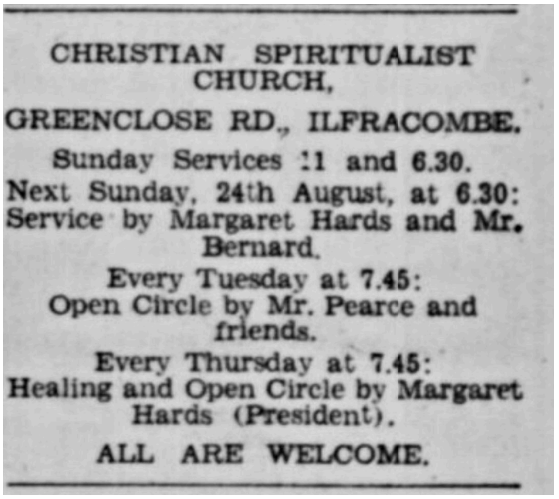


ILFRACOMBE, DEVON.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND ATTRACTIVE SALE OF HORSES, COACHES, CHARS-A-BANC, CARRIAGES, HARNESS, &c.

MR. THOMAS COPP (the well-known Coach and Carriage proprietor) has instructed W. C. Hutchings, F.A.I., to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION, on THURSDAY, March 17th, 1910, at the Queen's Yard, Greenclose, Ilfracombe, as above, in consequence of Mr. Copp going in partly for Motors in connection with his Coaching business.—Catalogues may be obtained of the auctioneer, or of

3907] MR. THOMAS COPP, Ilfracombe.



CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH,

GREENCLOSE RD., ILFRACOMBE.

Sunday Services 11 and 6.30.

Next Sunday, 24th August, at 6.30: Service by Margaret Hards and Mr. Bernard.

Every Tuesday at 7.45: Open Circle by Mr. Pearce and friends.

Every Thursday at 7.45: Healing and Open Circle by Margaret Hards (President).

ALL ARE WELCOME.

22/8/1952 Ilfracombe Chronicle

The Christian Spiritualist Church advertising their services and open circles. This building is now used by a local Amateur Dramatics Group and is at the High Street of Greenclose Road next door to the motorbike garage.

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